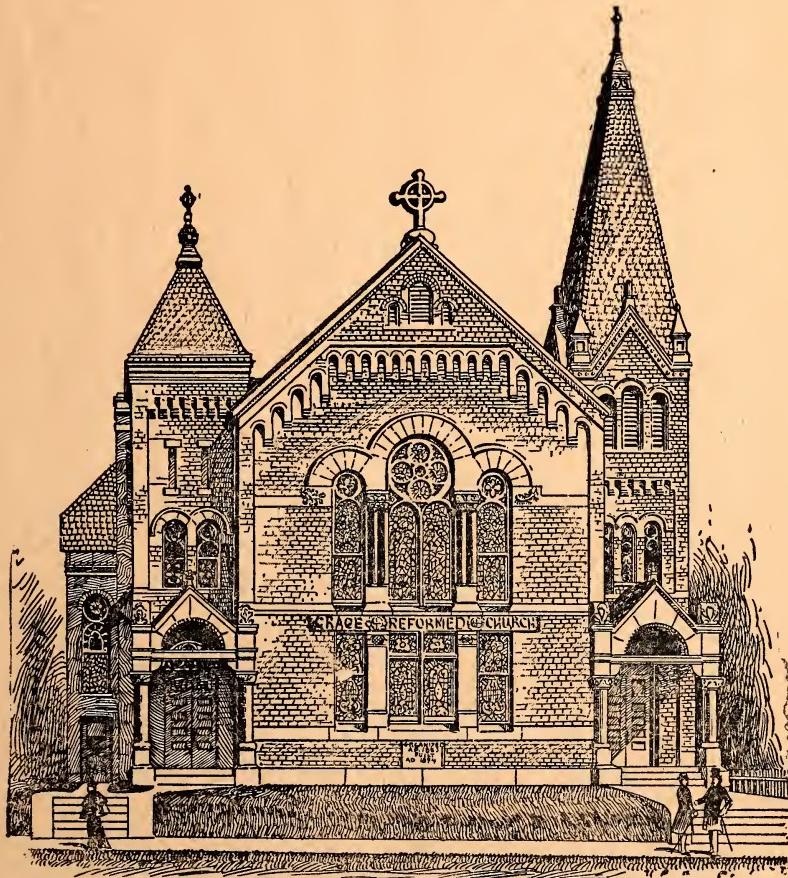


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May we in those wounds find healing,
In those bruises find peace,
May the chastisement He suffered,
Give our burdened hearts release.

PALM SUNDAY.

The King is coming! All the road
With branches of the palm is strewed;
The multitudes are thronging fast
To see Him as He rideth past.
They look for pomp and sovereignty,
Purple and gold and crown to see;
They bring the sick, the halt, the dumb,
The King is coming! Let Him come.

The Christ is coming! Coarsley dressed
With sandaled feet and fisher's rest,
His steed the lowly ass's foal,
His crown the viewless aureole;
No sword, no seal, no royal cloak;
Twelve tired and dusty walking folk
Make of His court the tale and sum.
The Christ is coming! Let Him come.

The King is coming! Every year
He comes for hearts that hold Him dear,
Borne in as on that by-gone day
With palm-booughs strewed along His way,
No longer clad in lowly guise,
But King of Kings to faithful eyes.
To every heart that gives Him room
The Lord of Love vouchsafes to come.

The Christ is coming! Heart of mine,
What fitting gift, of love the sign,
Hast thou to lay as offering
Upon the pathway of the King?
No palm-branch hast thou? Nothing meet?
Then lay thyself before His feet.
His smile can make thy dryness bloom.
The Christ is coming! Let Him come.

—Susan Coolidge,

COMMUNION services on Easter morning,
April 18th. Services during Easter week,
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening.
We want every member of the church at
these services.

As the weather is becoming pleasanter
the attendance at the Sabbath School is
getting much larger again. We are also
glad to see so many new scholars coming
in. We hope the teachers will do all they
possibly can to hold their pupils, and also
interest them in bringing in many more
new scholars.

MRS. JOHN SCHNEIDER will give a mis-
sionary tea at her home, 136 Cass Street, on
Thursday Evening, April 22. Supper will
be served from 5:30 to 8:30 p. m. The
members and friends of the church are in-
vited. We hope there may be a large
attendance.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT.

THE Financial Secretary will have the
statements for the first quarter in 1897,
ready for distribution the sabbath before
Easter. The Secretary reports that a num-
ber of the members of the Church have
not yet filled out any subscription cards for
this year. Along with your quarterly
statements the secretary will furnish new
subscription cards, fill them out please and
return them to the Secretary at once.
All that is expected is simply for each
member to give what he can and surely
every one should be willing to give some
definite amount each sabbath, and this
amount should be designated so that the
Conslstory may know what to expect from
each member.

ORIGIN OF THE REFORMED CHURCH

Foundation Work, Ulric Zwingle and His Times, by Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., President Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O.

Far up among the Alps, at the source of the river Rhine, Ulric Zwingle was born on the first of January, 1484. The Swiss people, who dwell on the mountain sides and in the valleys in this region, have been noted in history for their integrity and love o' freedom. The house of Hapsburg, from which the Emperors of Austria claim their descent, sought to keep the Swiss people in abject submission to their authority. The ruins of their great castle, which may be named the cradle of the imperial family of Austria, which was built about 1020 A. D., are located on an eminence between Zurich and Basel, overlooking the valleys of the Aare, the Reuss and the Limmat. The ruined tower of their ancient hunting castle also is to be seen near the beautiful city of Lucerne in the heart of Switzerland. The castle was overthrown by the people in 1352.

A long contieuued struggle of the Swiss people with the reigning house of Hapsburg for the possession of their political rights culminated in the battle of Morgarten in 1315, when fifteen hundred Swiss in their own mountain fastnesses defeated the royal Leopold with twenty thousand trained soldiers under him. In 1336 the Swiss fought against the Hapsburg army, six thousand strong, with only sixteen hundred confederates at Sempach, and again routed the royal forces.

Around these g~~e~~at events are grouped the legends of "William Tell," and the "Gount of Hapsburg," by Schiller, and the story of the formation of the people's league at Ruetli on the Lake of the Four Cantons, in 1307, and many other descriptions of soul-stirring adventures in behalf of the sacred cause of liberty. As a consequence of these heroic struggles of the people, Switzerland is a Republic at the present

time, and bids fair to maintain her freedom in the future.

The Hapsburg Dynasty has ever been in close sympathy with the papacy. Despotism in Church and State are naturally allied. The Pope will keep the King on his throne, with all the court splendor and extravagance which must be supported by the people, if in turn the King will support the Pope in his royal palace at the Vatican. Between the two despotisms the people of Switzerland were in a sad case, and at last, when forbearance ceased to be a virtue, they arose in their might in the desperate struggle for their rights and privileges. Usually the people first realize there political degradation before they arise against an attempted spiritual despotism. And thus it came about that the Swiss drove back the invading armies of Hapsburg, but allowed the papacy to continue its supremacy in their land until Zwingli openly preached the doctrines of the great reformation at Einsiedeln in the year 1516. He had been ordained as priest in the Roman Catholic Church, was settled in his pastorate at Glarus in 1506, and by reading the Greek New Testament discovered how far the papacy had deviated from primitive Christianity. When he entered upon his pastorate in the city af Zurich in 1518, he at once arose to eminence and became the leader of the cause of reform in the church. In the year 1519 the monk, Sampson came towards Zurich selling the "indulgences" from the Pope. Zwingli sounded the alarm and because of the opposition aroused in consequence, Sampson withdrew into Italy with the proceeds of the sale, as far as accomplished. Zwingli held the first Synod of the Reformed Church in Zurich, in 1523, was married to Annie Reinhart in 1524, met with Luther at Marburg Castle in 1529, and fell a martyr to his principles and the cause of civil and religious freedom in the battle of Capel in 1531.

Here then, among the Alps of Switzer-

land, were laid the foundations of that phase of Christianity known as the Reformed Church. The Christianity of the primitive church of Apostolic times had been overlaid with traditions, and strange doctrines and ceremonies in the middle ages, to such an extent that the original light of the gospel was greatly obscured. Zwingli and other reformers were raised up by Divine providence in order to correct abuses, and REFORM, *i. e.*, form the Christian church anew, after the pattern of primitive and Apostolic Christianity. That the reformers succeeded in even securing a place for Protestantism in European history is a perpetual marvel to one who realizes the strength of the papacy at the beginning of the sixteenth century. When we consider further that the standing armies of Italy, France, Spain and Austria, under their respective monarchs, were marshalled, at different periods, to maintain papal and kingly rule, to put down the reformation, and to reduce by fire and sword and rapine the two Republics of historic Europe, Switzerland and Holland, the one at the source, and the other at the mouth, of the Rhine; and when we further consider how defenceless the poor people were on the earthly side, when we consider all this we are led to exclaim at the success of the reformation, "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes." May the children of the Reformed Churches ever prove true to the trust committed to them by their great and heroic founders, such as Zwingli, Calvin, Ursinus, the pious Elector Frederic the III, of the Palatinate, William, Prince of Orange, and many others, who suffered much for the cause of civil and religious freedom. They should never remove the ancient landmarks which their fathers have set.—*Reformed Church Tidings.*

W. V. ZARTMAN of Columbus, O., made a short call at the parsonage recently. He was in his usual good spirits.

DEATHS.

February 26th death came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith and took away from them their youngest child, Walter James, aged 1 year, 6 months and 17 days. This is the first bereavement that had come to this family and is a very sad one indeed. Walter was a very interesting and affectionate child, always happy and cheerful and is greatly missed by the parents and other children. The pastor regrets very much that he was not well enough to attend the burial of this child. But the parents and friends have our prayers and sympathy in their bereavement. This dear little one has only gone out of the home here to the Home Beyond, where it shall be forever at peace to enjoy the sunshine and bliss of heaven, where friends will by and by meet to part no more.

Mrs. Agnes Shearer, wife of Jacob Shearer, residing at Decatur, Ill., departed this life March 18th, 1897. She was aged 36 years, 9 months and 4 days. Mrs. Shearers death was caused by heart disease and she was found dead in her bed in the morning by her little daughter Gracie. Mr. Shearer is an engineer on a road in Minnesota and was away from home at the time of his wife's death. After being notified of the death, he returned home as hastily as possible and brought the remains to his city for burial in a cemetery near Mrs. Shearer's fathers residence, ten miles south-west of the city. Mrs. Shearer was a member of the Baptist Church in Decatur, Ill. and was a very amiable and highly respected christian woman. The parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Shearer reside south of the city and are old and well known residents in the county. The funeral services were held at the home of Mr. Fogwell, the father of Mrs. Shearer, Monday morning, March 29th, in the presence of a large congregation of sympathizing freinds and acquaintances. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing husband and little daughter in their unexpected and sore bereavement.

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yoar easter offering.

A number of the members of the church are paying ten cents apiece weekly, for the support of our choir. Are there not others who could do the same, or at least pay something for this purpose. Enclose your offering in an envelope with your name and the word Choir written on it.

EASTER SERVICES.

There will be services during Easter Week as follows:

Wednesday evening, April 14th, sermon by Secretary Wight.

Thursday evening, April 15th, topic: "The way made plain, or what must I do to be saved?"

Friday evening, April 16th. Prepatory Services. Topic, "Acceptance."

Sabbath morning, April 18th. Communion, Baptism and Reception of Members.

Sabbath evening, April 18th. Topic, "The Future Life," "Will all men be saved?" "Will there be an opportunity after death?

MISS ELLA SCHAFF who has been in the city since last fall and has been a regular attendant at our services, has now gone to Bushnell, Ill., where she is visiting a brother. She may not return to her home in Eastern Pennsylvannia until late in the summer. We are very sorry that she did not remain permanently in Fort Wayne.

AT the close of the last year there was an arrearage in the current expenses of the church to the amount of \$150.00 or \$160.00. At a meeting of the consistory, held a few weeks ago it was thought best to present the matter to the congregation at some sabbath morning service and make an effort to raise the amount in arrears. The consistory felt assured that the amount could be raised without any difficulty if the congregation would be advised of what was needed, and as we always have a special Easter offering it was thought that the present would be a very opportune time to solicit the congregation for this purpose. At the morning service on the following sabbath, the pastor presented the matter to the church, and in a very short time \$130.00 of the amount needed were pledged. The cheerful and liberal spirit in which the people responded to this call, was certainly a great satisfaction to the pastor and consistory. A number of the members were not present at that service, some have since given their pledges and we feel confident that when all are solicited the amount needed will be easily raised. It was stated that as far as convenient these pledges should be paid by Easter Sunday, April 18. Those of the church who have not yet given their pledges can report the amount they will be able to give to C. H. Gumper the financial secretary. All the families will be furnished with special envelopes for this Easter offering, in which the amounts pledged can be enclosed and placed in the basket at the Easter service. It is right that every family of the church should give something to this special offering on Easter.

FIGURES DON'T LIE.

Boys let us see what figures will tell us about drinking, smoking and chewing, and to what this leads. We will say a young man starts out in life at the age of seventeen.

He drinks one glass per day at 5 cents a glass. There are 365 days in a year, making for the year \$18.25. He smokes two cigars a day, at 2½ cents a piece, making \$18.25 for the year. He chews one 10 cent plug of tobacco a week, and there are 52 weeks in the year, making \$5.20.

Total for the year :

Drinks,	- - -	\$18.25.
Cigars,	- - -	18.25.
Chewing Tobacco,		5.20.
		<u>\$41.70.</u>

At the age of eighteen the young man has spent the above amount for his first year's dissipation, and his appetite has grown stronger. He must now have two glasses per day, making for the second year, \$36.50 for drinks. He smokes four cigars per day, \$36.50 for the year. Two plugs of tobacco per week, making \$10.40 for the year.

Total for the second year :

Drinks,	- - -	\$36.50.
Cigars,	- - -	36.50.
Chewing Tobacco,		10.40.
		<u>\$83.40.</u>

Amount squandered at the end of the second year :

First year's expenditures,	- - -	41.70.
Interest on 41.70 at 6 per cent. for one year,		5.02.
Second year's expenditures,	- - -	83.40.
Total,	-	<u>\$130.12.</u>

The appetite is still on the increase, and during his twentieth year the young man must have three glasses per day, six cigars and three plugs of tobacco.

Total for the third year's dissipation :

Drinks,	- - -	\$ 54.75.
Cigars,	- - -	54.75.
Chewing Tobacco,		15.60.
		<u>\$125.10.</u>

Amount squandered at the end of third year :

First and second year's expenditure,	-	\$130.12.
Interest on \$130.12 for one year,	- - -	7.80.
Third year's expenditures,	- - -	125.10.
Total,	-	<u>\$263.02.</u>

During the fourth year the appetite and expenditures have been increasing at the same ratios :

Drinks,	- - -	\$ 73.00.
Cigars,	- - -	73.00.
Chewing Tobacco,		20.80.
Total,	- - -	<u>\$166.80.</u>

Amount squandered at the end of fourth year :

First, second and third year's expenditures,	\$263.02.
Interest on \$263.02 for one year,	15.78.
Fourth year's expenditures,	166.80.
Total,	<u>\$445.60.</u>

The young man is now twenty-one years of age. He drinks four glasses a day, costing 20 cents. Smokes eight cigars a day, costing 20 cents. Chews four plugs of tobacco a week, costing 40 cents. This arithmetic is no exaggeration. The young man is still a moderate drinker, a moderate smoker, and may be what is called a fair chewer. During his twenty-first year of age he dissipated to the amount of \$166.80. If he continues in his dissipation, the amount will increase immensely each year. But suppose he will continue drinking, smoking and chewing just at the above rate, for the coming nine years. During this time he will spend outright \$1000.80. The amount he has already spent when he is twenty-one years of age, including compound interest, \$445.60, and

the amount he spends annually, with interest until he is thirty year of age, will reach the sum of \$3,000.00. Let the man go on drinking at the same moderate rate for the next twenty years, and when he is fifty years of age he will have squandered \$15,419.00. At the age of 60, with compound interest on the money he has spent, he will have squandered over \$30,000.00. Figures do not lie. Boys, young men, do the figuring yourselves, and you will see that the above is no exaggeration. But what does the young man get for his investments in drinks, cigars and tobacco? Watch the doors of the saloons for awhile on any day or evening, and you will have a proof of what the investment of \$30,000.00 or even \$5,000.00 in drinks, cigars and tobacco means. See the young man and the old man staggering at the door, with bloated face, swollen eyes, in poverty; shame and degradation. Go to the state prison and see what this investment of money means. Go to the insane asylum, to the gallows, go into the hospitals, go into thousands of homes, go to the drunkard's grave, and there think of a drunkard's eternity, and ponder what this investment means. Go and see with your own eyes, and hear with your own ears, and figure for yourselves. Hundreds of men could today have beautiful homes, respectability and plenty, in place of poverty and shame and disgrace, but for their dissipation and sin. Figures do not lie. Finally, let me give you a dream with its interpretation. A drunkard once dreamed that he saw coming toward him four rats. The first was very fat, and was followed by two lean rats, and in the rear of these followed a blind rat. The dreamer was very much perplexed, as to what evil might follow from this dream. He appealed to his wife for an explanation. But she could give no interpretation. The drunkard's son, after hearing the dream, volunteered to be the interpreter. The fat rat, he said, was the

man who kept the saloon where his father went so often; the two lean rats were his mother and himself; and the blind rat, his father. "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM.

TWENTIETH LORD'S DAY.

Question 53.—What doest thou believe concerning the Holy Ghost?

Answer.—First, that He is co-eternal God with the Father and the Son. Secondly, that He is also given unto me; makes me by a true faith partaker of Christ and all His benefits; comforts me; and shall abide with me forever.

TWENTY-FIRST LORD'S DAY.

Question 54.—What dost thou believe concerning the Holy Catholic Church?

Answer.—That out of the whole human race, from the beginning to the end of the world, the Son of God, by His Spirit and word, gathers, defends and preserves for Himself unto everlasting life, a chosen communion, in the unity of the true faith; and that I am, and shall remain, a living member of the same.

Question 55.—What dost thou understand by the communion of saints?

Answer.—First, that believers, all and every one, as members of Christ have part in Him and all His treasures and gifts; secondly, that each one must feel himself bound to use his gifts, readily and cheerfully, for the advantage and welfare of other members.

Question 56.—What dost thou believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

Answer.—That God, for the sake of Christ's satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, neither the sinful nature with which I have to struggle all my life long; but graciously imparts to me the righteousness of Christ, that I may nevermore come into condemnation.

TWENTY-SECOND LORD'S DAY.

Question 57.—What comfort does the resurrection of the body afford thee?

Answer.—That not only my soul, after this life, shall be immediately taken up to Christ its head; but also that this my body, raised by the power of Christ, shall again be united with my soul, and made like unto the glorious body of Christ.

Question 58.—What comfort hast thou from the article of the life everlasting?

Answer.—That, inasmuch as I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, I shall after this life possess complete bliss, such as eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man; therein to praise God forever.

MRS. CONRAD remains about in the same condition. Some days her suffering is not so great, while on others it is intense, she is never without more or less pain.

MRS. WM. KIRKHAM is very much improved in her condition. She has regained her strength to a remarkable extent, and we are hopeful that she may fully recover.

MISSES Anna and Lyda Doemer have both been sick recently, Lyda is about well again and Anna is much improved in her condition and we hope will soon be fully recovered.

THE children in the Sabbath School will be supplied with envelopes for their Easter Offering. We are anxious to see how much each class will contribute, and which class will contribute the largest amount.

MISS NELLIE FRENCH has charge of Dr. Brown's dental office. We hope she may have a large and substantial patronage from the members and friends of Grace Church. She has had a long apprentice and experience with Dr. Brown, who was one of the oldest and best dentists in the city. Miss French is known to do some of the finest work in the town.

PERRY ARCHER is at home and is feeling much better. He is in the store again weighing out groceries. There is no doubt but that he will soon be as well again as ever.

WE were very glad to meet Mrs. Ada Comish at our services on a recent sabbath. She has been out of the city for some four or five years, but we had not forgotten her and she had not forgotten Grace Church.

MR. HELFRICK after a protracted illness of about one year, recently died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Bitner on East Lewis Street. Mr. Helfrick was a very pleasant old gentleman and a devout christian. He was a member of the St. John Reformed Church. There are two daughters and three sons living to mourn his death. May the Lord comfort these friends in their sorrow.

ON the 4th of March, the pastor's father celebrated his 83 birthday anniversary. He writes that he is feeling quite well and is able to be out and about on the farm. Mother is also quite well and will soon be 81 years old. Almost every week brings a letter to the parsonage from the old home at Glenford, O. In very many of these letters, father and mother send greetings to the members of Grace Church. We hope that sometime during the summer or autumn months we may enjoy a visit from them.

EVERY family in the Church will be supplied with envelopes for the special Easter Offering, to meet the deficit in the Current Expenses for the year 1896. The pledges given for this purpose so far, are as follows: Six \$10.00 pledges, ten \$5.00 pledges, three \$3.00 pledges, one \$2.50 pledge, eleven \$1.00 pledges, eight 50c pledges. If you have not given a pledge, place the amount you can contribute in an envelope and place it in the basket on Easter. We want every member of the Church to have the pleasure of having a part in this offering.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

April 11, The brotherhood of man. 1 John 3:1-24. Bertha Goba.

April 18. Different kinds of Death and the Conquest of Them.—1 Cor. 15:50-58. (An Easter Topic.) Josephine Zartman.

April 25. What is true Liberty and how is it won?—John 8:30-40. Frank Hills.

May 2. Christian Enterprise.—John 8:30-40. Lizzie Rudisill.

May 9, Why I Love Jesus.—1 John 4:19; John 3:14-17. (A Union Meeting with the Junior suggested, to be led by the Junior Superintendent.) Mrs. Zartman.

May 16. Some Things Worth Living for.—1 John 2:12-17. Walter Close.

ON Easter Sunday we shall have our usual communion service. Applicants for church membership will be received at that service and an opportunity will also be given for the baptism of children. Every member of the church should be at the Easter Service.

THE pastor recently received a communication from Mr. G. W. McKee, tendering the thanks of the Royal Arcanum and Mr. McKee personally to the ladies of Grace Church for the manner in which they served the supper at the banquet of the fraternity, Monday Evening, March 8th. There was enclosed also a check for \$35.00 for the Ladies Society. Our ladies were very anxious to do their work satisfactorily and it is gratifying to them, to know that in this they did not fail.

MRS. NEIRITER has been ill for some weeks past. We are glad to learn that she is feeling some better and hope that before long she may be fully restored to health.

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